

As an American citizen, as a voter, and consumer, I'm appalled at today's decision to ease media ownership rules. Your commission ignored the thousands, if not hundred of thousands of e-mails and phone calls pleading for the commission to not change the rules. I wonder if the republicans on the commission aren't being paid for today's vote. What is mr. powell gaining from exercising his authority? How rich will he become as a result of today's outcome? Or what position in the BushII administration is he hoping to land? The commission was not looking out for the best interest of consumers, instead it was looking out for the best interests of big media, which is and will continue to manipulate and censor information available to the American public. The excuse is that with the internet and so many other media outlets, things had to change to allow the big companies more access to the public. However, the commission ignored the fact that most of the outlets are already owned by a few big corporations.

You should all be ashamed because the commission has now set us on the path George Orwell wrote about in "1984". The commission is not for the people at all.. it's only there to favor big business. I'm sure one day this decision will come back and haunt you.
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